

27 May 2021

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons

**RE: MANDATORY LOCKDOWN - Friday 28 May until Thursday 3 June inclusive.**

In accordance with the Victorian Government Announcements made today the entire state will return to a mandatory lockdown for a period of 7 days effective from 11:59 tonight. **There are only five reasons people can leave their homes.**

- **Shopping for necessary goods and services.**
- **Authorised work or permitted education.**
- **Exercise (with a two-hour limit) with one other person.**
- **Caregiving, compassionate grounds and,**
- **Medical reasons, including to get vaccinated.**

Therefore, the School will be closed tomorrow for all students while we prepare to return to Remote Learning. Remote Learning will commence on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

**We have declared tomorrow a pupil free day so that staff have time to adjust their learning plans and activities accordingly.** So that we can facilitate the transition to online learning students will be taking their books, equipment, and musical instruments home today. For students who were away today designated Primary staff and the Heads of House have already begun ringing families for them to come and collect their children's books by 5.00pm tonight.

Please note the following:

- **ELC:** will remain open.
- **Prep- Year 12:** Will learn from home via TEAMS (this includes online instrumental music).

The School will reissue an updated version of the Remote Learning Handbook. Please note that as this has been a 'snap' lockdown and teachers have had no preparation time, some aspects of the normal program may need to be modified.

The School will have very limited staff on site to support the children of essential workers who cannot work from home. **If you can work from home, you must work from home.**

If you are an essential worker whose child needs to be supervised at school, please complete the attached form, and send to the relevant Head of School. Strict criteria will be applied.

Whilst this is not our preferred way to operate, we have all walked this path together previously and we navigated it well. We will continue to offer you and your children all the support we can.

I anticipate we will receive more specific information from The Department of Education and Training shortly in relation to schools. We will update all families when this becomes available. Once again, thank you for your support during this latest lockdown.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Vivianne Nikou**  
**PRINCIPAL**

27th May 2021

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons

**Re: ONSITE REMOTE LEARNING TERM 2 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May -Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

As you will be aware, due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis all Victorian schools are returning to Remote Learning from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May for 4 days.

ELC

The ELC will operate onsite as normal, including Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Prep to Year 12

All students will be following their normal timetable but working remotely using TEAMS. Onsite supervision will only be available for students in the following categories for whom no other arrangements can be made:

- Students categorised as vulnerable.
- Students whose parents cannot work from home/work in Essential Services.

The school expects that all parents will make every effort to comply with the government's 'Stay at Home' order and trusts that parents will only access onsite supervision if needed.

Similarly, as with the last round of Onsite Remote Learning, students who attend will be assisted by support staff and will be following the Remote Learning program. Any teachers who are onsite will be teaching remotely and cannot also teach students onsite at the same time.

All applications will be carefully vetted to ensure eligibility. Students who accessed onsite Remote Learning in Stage 4, 2021 are not automatically included and families will need to reapply and ensure that they are eligible.

Please do not apply for onsite remote learning just because you feel your child 'learns better at school'.

If your child is eligible for onsite learning and you need to access this service, please return the attached application form to me by **9.00am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May** via email to Head of Primary, [tn@ags.vic.edu.au](mailto:tn@ags.vic.edu.au) or Head of Secondary, [ls@ags.vic.edu](mailto:ls@ags.vic.edu) to enable supervision needs to be determined. **Late applications cannot be considered as the School may need to employ additional staff to ensure we are compliant with staff/student ratios.** All students will undergo a health screening on arrival. No student who is unwell will be permitted to attend.

I will contact parents again when applications have been processed.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Nicholson  
**Assistant Principal, Head of Primary**

**TERM 2 ONSITE REMOTE LEARNING APPLICATION**  
**Commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

Please complete the form below, filling in all required details, and return directly to Tracey Nicholson via email [tn@ags.vic.edu.au](mailto:tn@ags.vic.edu.au) or Lukas Silver [ls@ags.vic.edu.au](mailto:ls@ags.vic.edu.au) by **9.00am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Student Name	Year Level	Eligible Category 1  Students classed as vulnerable. Please include any explanatory details.	Eligible Category 2  Students whose parents cannot work from home/work in essential services. Please include employment details at the bottom of this page.

**ONSITE SUPERVISION: Days Required (Please tick days required)**

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>			
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**Eligible Category 2 Employment Details:**

Parent 1	Parent 2
Name:	Name:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Employer's Name:	Employer's Name:
Days/Hours of Work	Days/Hours of Work

**Onsite Supervision will be strictly between 8.30am and 3.15pm. Strict health safety protocols will be in place.**

Applicant/s Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Signature/s \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_